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To date, Applicants have not received confirmation that two of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 19, 2005, have been considered.¹

For convenience, Applicants submit at Exhibit A a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form listing the references submitted on January 19, 2005.

As proof that this paper and the cited references were received in the Patent and Trademark Office a copy of the itemized return postcard filed therewith, and bearing the Patent and Trademark Office mailroom date stamp is included at Exhibit B. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 503, the itemized return postcard constitutes proof that the Information Disclosure Statement

¹ Applicants take this opportunity to point out that one of the cited references, JP 63-77737-U, was previously cited. Also, the citation of JP 3-14367-U is erroneous and should be disregarded; the reference was previously properly cited as JP 3-14367-Y2. Confirmation that both these reference were considered already has been received.

Thus, the only references for which consideration is requested are JP 2003-191444-A and the English translation of JP 10-180986-A (the Japanese original and English abstract for this reference were previously submitted and have been considered).

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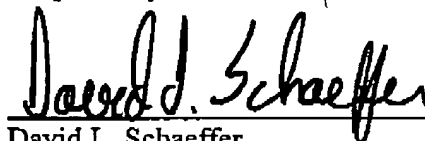
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In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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